



Governor Deval Patrick Visits RCC

By **Hilaire Dastinot**
Special to The Gazette

In support of Roxbury Community College, Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick and Secretary of Education Paul Reville paid a brief visit to the RCC community Tuesday, October 2nd, and announced a \$20.7 million for an up graded RCC.

Following months of turmoil after a series of news stories written by Mary Carmichael and Adrian Walker in The Boston Globe, Roxbury Community College and its entire community (board, students, faculty, and staff) finally felt relieved "thanks to the clearance of the Visium Global," a firm of

experts in Clery Act, sighed Dr. Linda Turner, Interim President.

Early on Tuesday the staff assigned to prepare for the event was on duty, organizing an audience that gathered other political figures from the Boston area and the diverse components of RCC, eager to hear what the Governor had to say.

After being introduced by Secretary of Education Reville, Governor Patrick drew a round of applause when announcing that the College would receive the amount of \$20.7 million in capital bond to support College projects such as the renovation of the Academic and Media Arts buildings. The investment will also provide funding for infrastruc-

ture related to Life Sciences and Allied Health Programs.

In his remarks, Governor Patrick encouraged the college to work to "keep Massachusetts at the forefront of the world in education" before adding: "Education is what we are best known for; it is our calling card. Everybody wants to be us in Massachusetts." Furthermore, he added: "In that spirit, I believe in Roxbury Community College."

Board of Trustees Chairwoman, Ms. Kathleen Taylor, thanked Governor Patrick "for bringing a good announcement...RCC is on the move in many, many things."

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RCC Has New Board of Trustees

By **Benigna Marrero**
Special to The Gazette

On Tuesday October 2nd, Governor Deval Patrick was in the Media Arts Building at RCC to share an announcement with the students and faculty. This was important for the campus community, as it would affect the budget funds

for students' resources and financial aid due to a recent questionable scrutiny of the Board of Trustees leading to a suspicious resignation by the college's president, Terrence Gomes. Governor Patrick announced that RCC would receive \$20.7 million for new science equipment, improvement of academic programs and any repairs needed for the college.

When the announcement was presented, I was given the chance to ask the governor a few questions. He seemed reluctant to share the information he had regarding Mr. Gomes' resignation. He did reveal that he isn't in favor of Bunker Hill Community College merging with RCC. This was vital informa-

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Student Health Center Provides Relief

By **Alison Crumb**
Gazette Staff Reporter

It's the first day of class and Mark feels ill with an uneasy stomach. He struggles to concentrate in his first class as the room spins. The bathroom is his first safe haven as he struggles to keep the contents of his stomach within. He is nauseous and feels as if he will evacuate through any orifice. Lucky for this particular student, he knows just where to find some needed relief: the Student Health Center (SHC) located on the third floor of the Student Center Building. Nurse Ruth Hines, RN, CS, MS, College nurse and Director of the Students Health Center, gives Mark kapectate. Within an hour of resting, Mark feels better and is able to complete his first day of classes.

Nurse Hines has worked within the



RCC community for 27 years, starting on Huntington Avenue and now here on Columbus Ave. Currently, she runs the SHC which has private exam rooms, a waiting area, office space and a large, clean handicap accessible bathroom. There is ample space and privacy in the center and even space to get all the rest necessary to chase one's academic dreams.

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RCC Holds Two Great Events

By **Judy Kahalas**
Editor

On Monday, October 22, the College celebrated Hispanic Heritage with a talk by Dr. Vanessa Calderon-Rosado, Chief Executive Officer of Inquilos Boricuas en Accion, an agency that runs Villa Victoria. Dr. Calderon-Rosado discussed her connection to the Latino community as an immigrant who lives between two worlds: her Puerto Rican roots and her love for her adopted city. She also presented information about Latinos whose lives have significantly influenced us in the 21st century. The engaging talk presented the important contributions of the Hispanic community to our everyday life. There was also an exhibit of the works of three His-



RCC Celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month



Community Career Fair - Fall 2012

panic artists in the Resnikoff Gallery. Professor Veronica McCormack chaired the event.

Then, on Tuesday, October 23rd, the College, in partnership with JobNet, hosted an enormously successful Career Fair in which approximately 2000 people

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Funding for Work Study

By **Terrance Sanders**
Gazette Staff Reporter

Although Roxbury Community College offers work study to students with financial aid, funding the program makes it hard to produce more jobs for students. Work study was designed for students to make money by helping in different areas around the school, resulting in them getting paid for doing what they were put in place to do.

But over the years the amount of work study jobs at RCC has declined. One specific area where work study jobs have declined is the Broadcast Me-

dia Technology Department. There are little to no opportunities for students to work in BMT because there isn't enough money to fund it.

Professor Justin Petty and other members of the BMT staff are meeting with the school board trying to find ways to get financial help for work study jobs. With the majority of the students of RCC on financial aid and in need of jobs, work study numbers continue to decrease. In the next year or so, people would hope to see a federal grant given to Roxbury Community College so that some of that money could help improve the work study program by increasing job opportunity.

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Cyber bullying is an Epidemic

By Imani Hill
Gazette Staff Reporter

Cyber bullying is the ghost writing of the 21 century of the worst kind. It's a faceless attack on the youth of today. Children and even young teens have no sense of what's right or what's wrong. The youth of today thinks that beating, taunting, or even calling another person disturbing names are a fun way to get their kicks.

An article written by Ted Feinberg titled "Cyber Bullying" states that a 2006 study found "that 45% of preteens and 30% of teens are cyber bullied while at school." The internet is a tool for cyber bullying when it's put in the hands of a preteen or a teenager with cruel intentions in mind.

With camera phones and YouTube becoming easily accessible for young teens, opportunities for posting are expanded with bullies publishing their crime for the entire world to see. Even FaceBook has become a haven for cyber bullying with the tormenter posting comments on the net for everyone to see.

Schools and parents should work together to stop this growing trend from getting any worse than it is now. Victims of this dreadful and vicious epidemic are becoming more and more afraid for their lives and for the lives of their families and friends.

But lawmakers and politicians are putting their foot down on this subject and taking drastic steps to stop this cyber bullying once and for all. In an article in The Buffalo News titled "Cuomo Signs Cyber Bullying Measure into Law," written by Tom Precious, it said that legislation is putting more responsibility on the schools for them to help kids who are victims of cyber bullying. In the article Governor Andrew M. Cuomo made a statement about the 2010 law to make cyber bullying a federal offense, saying "Under this new law, schools will play an important role -- working with families, communities and law enforcement -- to prevent harassment, bullying and discrimination, and to support a student's right to learn."

Sadly, there are tales that take a tragic turn for the worse. According to an article titled "Prosecuting Cyber Bullying," a young boy named Tyler Clementi jumped off the George Washington Bridge in New Jersey. He was only 18 years old, and was just starting his first semester at Rutgers University. His father, John, was stunned to find out that his son's friends, Dharun Ravi and Molly

Wei, were the cause of his son's suicide. Seven days before Taylor's death, his friends placed a hidden camera in Tyler's dorm room showing Tyler having a relationship with another man. His friends then posted the footage online for the world to see. Ravi and Wei were charged with invasion of privacy and could face up to 5 years in prison. It's the tale that made society aware of this tragic epidemic.

According to an article titled "Cyber Bullying Pervades the Public School Experience," these are easy signs that a parent can see:

- Creating web sites that have stories, cartoons, pictures, and jokes ridiculing others
- Posting pictures of classmates online and asking students to rate them, with questions such as "Who is the biggest ____ (add a derogatory term)?"
- Breaking into an e-mail account and sending vicious or embarrassing material to others.
- Engaging someone in IM (instant messaging), tricking that person into revealing sensitive personal information, and forwarding that information to others.
- Taking a picture of a person in the locker room using a digital phone camera and sending that picture to others.

Parents can get involved with this war on cyber bullying. But with these steps and more programs that parents and school administrators can learn from, then there might still be hope for the youth's future. If schools and parents can work together and fight against bullying on the internet and at schools, students could sleep peacefully and enjoy life.

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Ed. Note: Imani Hill is a student in Prof. Kahalas' Introduction to Speech Class. This was presented as an informative speech.

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Student Health Center...

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The most rewarding part of the SHC is the personal interactions with students. These interactions take place in the College Experience class and/or within the confines of the SHC. According to Nurse Hines, "The students (at RCC) make the job." The student body at RCC is diverse in both age and backgrounds. This makes for varied needs. Stress related ailments, headaches, sprains, lacerations, condoms, blood pressure checks, and blood sugar tests are some common reasons students visit the SHC.

When asked about the goal of the Student Health Center, Nurse Hines stated, "My concern is the health and wellness of students. Helping them to get well and stay well." Her role at the SHC is three fold: college nurse, managing immunization records, and being the wellness coordinator. When asked how she handles how her roles, Nurse Hines responds that "every moment is taken up."

"Preventative care is important now and throughout one's life." Nurse Hines' goal as Wellness Coordinator is to provide preventative care and information to students. In the coming weeks SHC will offer education on HIV testing, flu shots, breast cancer awareness, alcohol awareness, and smoking cessation.

Students who wish to be involved in a Wellness Program should call or visit SHC.

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YOUR Opinion DOES Matter



Going to College

By Veronica Fontes
Gazette Staff Reporter

No matter what your situation, choosing the best value for your education is important. With this in mind, community colleges provide students with a great place to experiment. Students who attend a community college vs. students who attend a university can take all the time necessary in order to graduate. Many students in college are unsure of their majors and career paths. Community colleges give those students a chance to experiment by taking classes in a variety of departments at a fraction of the cost of what you would be paying to take classes at a university, whereas students gain degrees in fields they are not ardent about because- due to the time and money they had spent in those courses - they are reluctant to change their major midway through. Attending

a community college allows students the leisure in changing their majors as many times as they want to avoid graduating with a futile degree.

From a questionnaire filled by students in private, state and community colleges, students believe “a good university” (a four year college with \$20,000 tuition) is a wiser decision. Community colleges are perceived as “...a school for people who did not have money, hopes, or plans for their future...”

Many students claimed that enrolling into a community college would only occur if they were denied their dream schools or debts from loans were too much. For Alice, a Roxbury Community College student, she accepted this idea after attending the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and finding herself over \$50,000 in debt.

Community colleges might not be for everyone. Some students attending state and private colleges look forward to huge campuses and a permanent residence with tons of campus life and activities. Community colleges are alleged to have limited curricula, light workload, uninvolved students, and lack of activities on campus.

The students who attend Boston University, Northeastern, University of Dartmouth and Harvard University distinguish community colleges as “not up to par.” According to Phoebe, a Harvard University student, “Community colleges can be great schools, but their reputations, such as Roxbury Community College, make society perceive them as lower.”

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The Stepchild of the Department

By Daniel Villanueva
Editor of The Gateway Gazette

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Division is crucial to RCC's success considering that it's heavily populated. Funding comes at a premium, especially with the notion that these departments are consistently making advances, most on an annual basis.

Unlike its counterparts, the majority of STEM revolves around health careers. The broadcasting field endures the same constant and rapid advancements just as any other department. But the

However, before FIPSE, you'd have to date back to 1994. “When I first came here in 1994, we worked with that equipment up until 2003... And it's 2012... We're due for an upgrade... I feel that we're always at the bottom of the totem pole,” Petty said. “Some things have more priority in my eyes, and I don't think Broadcasting is one of them.”

In fairness, there are a number of arguments that contribute to Broadcasting Department's position. One argument is that the broadcasting field, although highly competitive in its own right, doesn't have the demand

“We want to provide students with the necessary educational foundation and technical skills that are needed for the work force and transfers to universities.”

Dean Khudairi is responsible for facilitating twenty-two programs within the four departments, so she must “prioritize” accordingly. In her efforts to be “equitable and resourceful as possible,” she attempts to accommodate each department. Trusting in the “empowerment of education” has made it possible for students to explore more career possibilities during her tenure. For instance, “Life Sciences” was recently developed last spring, which was approved for Fall 2012 and is now offered come Spring 2013.”

Prof. Petty also recognizes that “this department is only one department within a division of several, so you're fighting with other departments for funding... They tend to get grants a little quicker than we do considering a lot of things are focused around STEM sciences and so forth, so they tend to have more grants out there.”

The important thing to consider is that four-year institutions receive endowments from their alumni. We unfortunately don't have that privilege, so it leaves the department in the same predicament it started with. Luckily, opportunities lie in on the horizon. Gov. Deval Patrick had announced that RCC will be receiving Capital Funding that Dr. Khudairi says will be directed towards “Life and Health Sciences, as well as improvements in the Media Arts Building.”

Dr. Khudairi explained, “Funding received by the state is allocated by the President.” In order for any department to be considered for adequate funding, they must first undergo a “program review,” an extensive process that addresses department needs through an internal and external assessment. The Broadcasting Department has already undergone nine-year droughts twice before, so it's fair to assume this one is on schedule to end relatively shortly.

of students as its counterparts. First, consider the success rate of STEM Students. Then, compare it to the success rate for B.M.T. Nonetheless, the Broadcasting Department still prepares its students for their intended next step, a four-year institution. Prof. Petty has been told from Northeastern, Boston University, and Emerson that “our program is doing the right thing in terms of training and educating the students so that they're well prepared to transition into their universities... Even alumni have said that our students are more hands on, with more training here than they have at the four-year institution.”

Dr. Tala Khudairi, Dean of STEM, believes that success is derived from one of broadcasting's strengths: its ability to provide two internships. She stated,



biggest discrepancy isn't just WHERE the funding goes, rather WHEN the funding is received. The Broadcasting Department has experienced nine-year intervals between equipment upgrades.

“The life of the equipment ranges between three and five years because the technology in this field is always changing,” says Prof. Justin Petty, Department Chair of Broadcast Media Technology.

The last equipment upgrade was in October of 2009, when the department received 2 additional cameras. But prior to that was in 2003, when the department received the FIPSE (Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education) grant, which provided sufficient funding for the television studio and facilities to transition to digital.

INTERVIEW



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RZA Visits Boston and Meets Students from Local Colleges

By Moses Mokuolu
Special to The Gazette

On Thursday, October 4, RZA, the Grammy-Award winning hip-hop artist, sat down with a group of students from local colleges at a roundtable discussion of his upcoming film, *The Man with the Iron Fists*. The event was organized by Universal Studios and took place at Club Royale, 279 Tremont Street in Boston.

RZA opened the discussion:

This movie is inspired by the whole specter of martial arts films from the 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's, and then given an American sensibility for the future. Before I started this film, I wasn't sure about casting myself as the blacksmith, but the producers were sure. [The Producers] said it was part of the deal to play *The Blacksmith*, they appreciated me as an actor and everything, but that the cast was holding that much weight was really a puzzle in my mind.

So I recall doing an interview with The LA Times and they asked, “Are you going to be in the film?” I was, like, “To be honest with you I'm Captain Kirk right now. If I don't have a Mr. Spak, I

don't see how I can be in this film.”

But Eli [Roth] came over and actually I had a Mr. Spak. You know somebody that when I felt nervous or troublesome about doing something, I have someone I could share my words with, but also someone I can argue with.

Mokuolo: What did you take from working with directors like Quentin Tarantino?

RZA: Tarantino also came to the film set as well which actually made me feel so honored to, you know, see my mentor, my master in Kung Fu come in and tell me that “Bobby, you have captured the authenticity of all the old Kung Fu films, with the opulence of the modern.”

“The Man With the Iron Fist” is a film inspired by the life of RZA, from being a child watching old Kung Fu films, to being the leader of the immortal Wu Tang Clan. As a Kung Fu movie lover, I am excited to watch this film.

Ed. Note: Moses Mokuolu is the Vice President of the Student Government Association. He is also a movie and music buff.

RCC Under Watchful Eye of Boston Globe

By Terrance Sanders
Gazette Staff Reporter

On September 23 and 24, 2012, The Boston Globe published two news articles about Roxbury Community College. According to staff reporter Mary Carmichael, the institution is being accused of sex crimes, evidence secrecy and financial scandals. Carmichael wrote that in 2003 a female student (now 49 years old) was sexually harassed by a staff member of Roxbury Community College. The victim supposedly reported the incident but evidence of the reported file was not presented.

Seven years later she wrote a complaint to the school about the incident. When asked about the sexual abuse on campus, most of the current female students were shocked about the claims. One woman, who wanted to remain anonymous when asked how she felt about the situation, said that she

once had a male staff member make a sexual pass at her. When asked how she confronted the staff member, she said she “took matters into her own hands.”

Not only did Carmichael accuse RCC of sex crimes but of tampering and mismanagement of the school's money. According to reports, money that was supposed to be used for grants and basic needs of the students was spent on different things. In the article published by The Globe, former President Terrence Gomes stepped down in June of 2012 as a result of being under investigation for misuse of money. Gomes has reportedly made \$374,589 this year alone from the state and his annual rate was \$196,749 according to the MA payroll data. These accusations give R.C.C a bad representation and bad name, but the firing of Dr. Gomes and of some staff members that were under him, the institution will hopefully repair its reputation.

Latest Job And Unemployment Estimates For Local Labor Markets In The Commonwealth

BOSTON – Tuesday, October 23, 2012 – The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development today reported that the September 2012 seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates were down in ten areas; unchanged in three areas; and up in nine areas over the month. Over the year, the rates are down in all twenty two labor areas.

Statewide, the September seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate remained at 6.4 percent. Over the year, the statewide unadjusted rate was down 0.9 of a percentage point from the September 2011 unadjusted rate of 7.3 percent.

In September 2012, over the month job gains occurred in nine of the twelve areas for which estimates are published. The largest job gains occurred in the Springfield, the Boston-Cambridge-Quincy and Worcester areas. Losses occurred in the Barnstable, Peabody, and Pittsfield areas.

Over the year, ten of the twelve areas added jobs with the largest percentage gains in the Leominster-Fitchburg-Gardner, Peabody, Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, and Barnstable areas.

The seasonally adjusted statewide September unemployment rate, released on October 18th, was 6.5 percent, an increase of 0.2 of a percentage point over the August 6.3 percent, and down 0.7 of a percentage point from the 7.2 percent rate recorded in September 2011. The statewide seasonally adjusted jobs estimate showed a 5,100 job gain over the month.

The labor force, unemployment rates and jobs estimates, for Massachusetts and for every other state, are based on statistical methodologies specified by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The unadjusted unemployment rates and job estimates for the labor market areas reflect seasonal fluctuations and

therefore may show different levels and trends than the statewide seasonally adjusted estimates.

NOTES: The October 2012 unemployment rate, labor force data, and jobs estimates for Massachusetts will be released on November 15, 2012; local unemployment statistics will be released on November 20, 2012. Detailed labor market information is available at www.mass.gov/lmi. See the 2012 Media Advisory annual schedule for complete listing of release dates.

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The Globe Bashes RCC

By **Rose Fontaine**
Gazette Staff Reporter



On September 23, 2012, a reporter for The Boston Globe, Mary Carmichael, wrote a story about Roxbury Community College titled "Review Shows RCC puts Student's Basic Needs at Risk." The story was about the decisions of Terrence Gomes, Roxbury Community College president who resigned in June 2012. The Globe reported "over its nine years of existence, Gomes's administration spent thousands on administration raises while scrimping on campus amenities."

Carmichael said as a cost saving method old blackboards were covered in white paint instead of buying new whiteboards, and the historical Centre Street mansion that belongs to RCC was neglected.

One student who wishes to remain anonymous said, "The story in The Globe can be biased. If covering the blackboard was sufficient, then so be it. I don't know the importance of the building and if it was academically beneficial for the students. The money should be used to best benefit the school."

The Globe also reported about the fear of officials wanting to merge Roxbury Community College with Bunker Hill Community College. The interim president of RCC, Dr. Linda Turner, was quoted, "There was a long and hard fight to get this college located in Roxbury. Now, we're fighting to be stronger."

Another student who also wishes to remain anonymous said, "I hope that whatever is going on at RCC doesn't affect me as a student. I am hoping to get my degree in December. I love RCC, I have awesome professors and the school has provided me with a lot of responsibilities."

Whether the story in The Globe was biased or not, students are hoping that the new administration will get back to working for the benefit of the students at RCC.

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tion that RCC can remain an independent community college after all its great history.

After this, I was informed that with the new Board of Trustees, RCC now has a better administration that will work hard to outweigh the cons at RCC. This is a "transparently top priority," declared Secretary of Education Paul Reville. In time, the institution's new Board of Trustees will hopefully help the college grow and improve academic programs, making this a top priority for students.

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came with resumes in hand. Forty-six employers were represented by 100 of their representatives. This Career Fair was open to the community-at-large as well as RCC students and alumni. Ms. Irina Galatskaya of the Office of Career Development at the College organized the event.

With an interim president at the helm, Dr. Linda Edmonds Turner, and a talented and committed faculty and staff, the campus has continued to support its mission and its engagement with the Greater Boston community.

Governor Deval Patrick...

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In her brief remarks, the Interim President, Dr. Lynda Edmonds Turner, assured the Governor, "You will not be sorry for allocating this money to RCC," before promising that Roxbury Community College is committed to working to keep the State on top in higher education.

Secretary of Education, Mr. Reville, closed the press event and emphasized that "with the new Board, new president... and new everything, RCC is living the era of the beginning of the renaissance."

Governor is on Board

By **Daniel Villanueva**
Gazette Staff Reporter

In the midst of an educational and structural transition, Governor Deval Patrick scheduled a visit to the RCC campus. Interim President Linda Turner and newly appointed Chair of the Board of Trustees, Kathleen Taylor, ensured the governor was greeted with hospitality as he was welcomed into the Green Room on the third floor of the Media Arts Building. Patrick wasn't alone, as his company included the Secretary of Education, Paul Reville, Representative Gloria Fox and City Councilor At-Large Ayanna Pressley.

Although Patrick's visit was rather sudden and brief, he was able to find time from his schedule to show

"Commonwealth Support to RCC" by announcing that our institution would be receiving \$20.7 million in Capital Funding. This funding is designed to improve and upgrade the Media Arts Building as well as aid science and health programs.

Patrick and company are well aware of RCC's ongoing transition but believe in the institution of higher education. "We are witnesses to the Renaissance" said Patrick during the conference. Reville shares the same insight on improvement for our institution. "It starts with finding a new president as well as a new board, which will allow us to build partnerships and relationships. We need determination from our community as well."



Student Art from Photography 1

In Photography 1 at Roxbury Community College the school proposes to strengthen the student's photography skills through exercises in camera use, photo editing, Photoshop editing, printing, print mounting and critical evaluation of photos. Early discussions in the class examine several critical aspects of photography, including choice of subject, composition, use of light, and contrast. Class assignments aim to help photographers interact with their subjects and place emphasis on the psychology of photography, i.e. what kind of relationship do you have with your "models" and what kind of expressions do you wish to portray? Proficiency in digital file manipulation is also emphasized.

In addition to exploring Photoshop's many tools students explore printing on various media (mainly computer paper) and learn to trim, mount, even frame their art. Finally, students will present their art to the class.

But this is the first time we've been invited to publish photography in the Gateway Gazette which is printed on newsprint paper. Thank you to Editor Professor Judy Kahalas for the opportunity to see these files in print. What do you think of the results, dear readers?



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